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U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:15-cv-01128-EGS

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/15/2015
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
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| 07/15/2015 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4176085) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons |

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| | | US Attorney for DC, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney General)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 07/15/2015) |
| 07/15/2015 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 07/15/2015) |
| 07/15/2015 | | Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (md) (Entered: 07/15/2015) |
| 07/15/2015 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 07/17/2015) |
| 07/22/2015 | <u>4</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR.....RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/21/2015. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/20/2015.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/21/2015., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/21/2015 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) Modified on 7/23/2015 (jf). (Entered: 07/22/2015) |
| 07/22/2015 | <u>5</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/21/2015. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/20/2015.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/21/2015., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 07/22/2015) |
| 07/31/2015 | <u>6</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Robin Frances Thurston on behalf of All Defendants (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/31/2015) |
| 08/19/2015 | <u>7</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 08/19/2015) |
| 08/24/2015 | <u>8</u> | ORDER FOR MEET AND CONFER REPORT. Attorney Meet and Confer Conference by 9/15/2015. Meet & Confer Statement due by 9/29/2015. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 08/24/15. (mac) (Entered: 08/24/2015) |
| 09/03/2015 | <u>9</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Thurston, Robin) Modified on 9/4/2015 (znmw). (Entered: 09/03/2015) |
| 09/04/2015 | | NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>9</u> Notice (Other); emailed to robin.f.thurston@usdoj.gov, cc'd 2 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect header/caption/case number, 2. Please refile document, 3. Entered in error; Incorrect case number; Please refile. (znmw,) (Entered: 09/04/2015) |
| 09/04/2015 | <u>10</u> | NOTICE (<i>correcting case number</i>) by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 09/04/2015) |
| 09/04/2015 | <u>11</u> | NOTICE of Court Order by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 09/04/2015) |
| 09/29/2015 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 09/29/2015) |
| 10/01/2015 | | MINUTE ORDER adopting the parties' proposed schedule, as follows: (1) Defendant shall search hardcopy records and the "state.gov" email addresses of the individuals most likely to have responsive records to Plaintiff's request by no later than November 18, 2015; (2) the parties shall meet and confer thereafter to determine if any additional searches are necessary, including but not limited to, searches of any non-state.gov email correspondence in Defendant's possession; and (3) the parties shall file a joint status report proposing a schedule for future proceedings by no later than December 2, 2015. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on October 1, 2015. (lcegs4) (Entered: 10/01/2015) |

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| 10/01/2015 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/2/2015. (mac) (Entered: 10/01/2015) |
| 12/02/2015 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 12/02/2015) |
| 12/09/2015 | | MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to comply with the following schedule: (1) no later than January 29, 2016, Defendant will conduct a search of records provided by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and will notify Plaintiff of the results; (2) no later than January 29, 2016, Defendant will either provide Plaintiff with a final determination with respect to the third responsive record or inform Plaintiff of the status of the inter-agency consultation; (3) no later than February 5, 2016, the parties will meet and confer regarding any outstanding issues; (4) no later than February 10, 2016, the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on December 9, 2015. (lcegs4,) (Entered: 12/09/2015) |
| 12/10/2015 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement by 2/5/2016. Joint Status Report due by 2/10/2016. (mac) (Entered: 12/10/2015) |
| 02/10/2016 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 02/10/2016) |
| 03/02/2016 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 03/02/2016) |
| 03/07/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER. Pursuant to the parties' agreement, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report no later than one week following the Court's ruling on Plaintiff's proposed discovery schedule in Case No. 13-1363. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on March 7, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 03/07/2016) |
| 05/10/2016 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 05/10/2016) |
| 05/25/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER directing Defendant to file its Motion for Summary Judgment no later than July 13, 2016. Plaintiff shall file its motion for discovery pursuant to Rule 56(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or its opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and cross motion for Summary Judgment no later than August 10, 2016. Defendant shall its opposition or reply no later than September 14, 2015. Plaintiff shall file any reply no later than September 28, 2016. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on May 25, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 05/25/2016) |
| 05/25/2016 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant To File Its Motion For Summary Judgment due by 7/13/2016. Plaintiff Motion For Discovery Pursuant To Rule 56(d) Of The Federal Rules Of Civil Procedure Or Its Opposition To Defendant's Motion For Summary Judgment And Cross Motion For Summary Judgment due by 8/10/2016. Defendant Opposition Or Reply due by 9/14/2016. Plaintiff Reply due by 9/28/2016. (mac) (Entered: 05/25/2016) |
| 07/13/2016 | <u>17</u> | Joint MOTION to Vacate <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/13/2016) |
| 08/01/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' joint motion to vacate the scheduling order. The parties shall submit an updated scheduling order within one week of the Court's ruling on Judicial Watch's motion for additional discovery in Civil No. 13-1363. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on August 1, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 08/01/2016) |
| 08/26/2016 | <u>18</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Sam M. Singer on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Robin Thurston (Singer, Sam) (Entered: 08/26/2016) |
| 08/26/2016 | <u>19</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Singer, Sam) (Entered: 08/26/2016) |
| 08/30/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, Defendant shall complete its search of the materials provided by the FBI to the State Department by no later than September 30, 2016, and shall produce any non-exempt, responsive agency records to the Plaintiff by no later than October 14, 2016. The parties shall file a joint status |

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| | | report by no later than October 31, 2016. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/30/2016. (lcegs1) (Entered: 08/30/2016) |
| 08/31/2016 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2016. (mac) (Entered: 08/31/2016) |
| 10/31/2016 | <u>20</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Singer, Sam) (Entered: 10/31/2016) |
| 11/01/2016 | | In view of <u>20</u> joint status report, the parties shall submit a further joint status report by no later than December 15, 2016. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/1/2016. (lcegs1) (Entered: 11/01/2016) |
| 11/01/2016 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/15/2016. (mac) (Entered: 11/01/2016) |
| 12/15/2016 | <u>21</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Singer, Sam) (Entered: 12/15/2016) |
| 02/13/2017 | | MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>21</u> joint status report, the parties shall submit a joint proposal for further proceedings three weeks following the latter of (1) the Court's rulings on the two pending motions to compel additional discovery in Civil Action No. 13-1363, and (2) the completion of any additional discovery authorized as a result of those rulings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/13/2017. (lcegs1) (Entered: 02/13/2017) |
| 09/24/2018 | <u>22</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Kari E. D'Ottavio on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 09/24/2018) |
| 10/09/2018 | <u>23</u> | NOTICE of Change of Address by Kari E. D'Ottavio (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 10/09/2018) |
| 01/07/2019 | <u>24</u> | Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Jan. 7, 2019 JSR deadline</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 01/07/2019) |
| 01/09/2019 | | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>24</u> unopposed motion to stay in light of lapse of appropriations. Defendants are directed to notify the Court when appropriations are restored or if a continuing resolution is enacted. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/9/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 01/09/2019) |
| 01/28/2019 | <u>25</u> | NOTICE of <i>Restoration of Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 01/28/2019) |
| 01/31/2019 | <u>26</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 01/31/2019) |